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Dear Reader:

The Cumberland Ranger District of the Daniel Boone National Forest has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed *Commercial Timber Harvest in the Beaver Creek Watershed* project. I have enclosed a copy with this letter for your review and comment.

The project proposes activities to improve habitat for various species of plants and animals, improve growth and/or establish new populations of trees, and provide wood products to the local economy. This project will use commercial timber harvest in 11 individual areas covering approximately 303 acres in the Beaver Creek watershed of Menifee County, Kentucky to accomplish these goals. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

The EA is and supporting documents are also available at:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/dbnf/landmanagement/projects.

The documents are also available for review at the Cumberland District Office in Morehead, Kentucky. Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from Project Team Leader Jeffrey F. Lewis at <u>jefflewis@fs.fed.us</u> or call (606) 784-6428 extension 101.

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in The Morehead News newspaper published in Morehead, Kentucky. When the time period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments shall be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity, and that those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another source.

Only those who submit timely and specific written comments (§218.2) regarding the proposal during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection (§218.24(b)(6)). Issues to be raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The time for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner.

Please provide the following information as part of your comments:

- i. Name and address;
- ii. Title of the proposed action. (Commercial Timber Harvest in the Beaver Creek





Watershed);

- iii. Specific comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision;
- iv. Signature or other verification of identity upon request.

Comments can be mailed to:

District Ranger Jonathan P. Kazmierski

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Morehead, KY 40351

Attn: Commercial Timber Harvest in the Beaver Creek Watershed

Electronic comments should be in a common digital format and sent to <u>comments-southern-daniel-boone-cumberland@fs.fed.us</u>.

To ensure that they are considered, hand-delivered comments must be received at the Cumberland District Office during normal business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For submitting oral comments by telephone, call (606) 784-6428 and identify the purpose of your call. The receptionist will connect you with someone who will document your comments.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN P. KAZMIERSKI

District Ranger

Enclosure